REMARKS

This amendment responds to the office action mailed October 27, 2008. In the office action the Examiner:

- allowed claims 13, 15-18, 25, 27-30 and 41-48;
- objected to claims 3, 4, 15, 16, 28, 42 and 46 for containing informalities; and
- rejected claims 1, 3-6, and 37-40 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

After entry of this amendment, the pending claims are: claims 1, 3-6, 13, 15-18, 25, 27-30, and 37-48.

Changes to the Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to add the terms "at a search engine" and "of the search engine." These amendments find support at least in Figures 1 and 4, and paragraphs [0023]-[0027] and [0038]-[0041] of the specification.

Claims 3, 4, 15, 16, 28, 42 and 46 have been amended in response to the Examiner's objections.

35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1, 3-6, 37-40

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the elements of Claim 1 are performed at a search engine. Since the elements of amended Claim 1 (and its dependents) are performed at a search engine (e.g., an apparatus), Claim 1 and its dependents are directed to statutory subject matter.

Response to Office Action

In light of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (650) 843-4000, if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

Respectfully submitted,

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